

TRAMP TALKS SHOP.

What the Dilapidated Has to Say
About His Profession.

STRANGE EVENTS HAPPEN.

And the Moral Lesson to Be Drawn
From Most of Them in His Favor,
Says Knight of the Road—He Ob-
jects to Being Jailed.

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"I wouldn't go so far as to recom-
mend the help to a million dollar estate
to turn tramp," said the dilapidated
gentleman as he pocketed the quarter
tendered him, "but at the same time
I wish to say that enjoyable events
are constantly happening in this pro-
fession. Perhaps the leading one is
being suspected of murder. It has
happened to me some five or six times
in the last eight years, and I now look



"GET OUT OF THIS JAIL!"

forward to it as a part and parcel of
the season's programme.

"There has been a murder committed
in a city, a village or out in the
country, and the murderer has got
away. The murder may have been
for revenge, robbery, jealousy or what
not. The first thing the police do, fail-
ing to find the guilty party within a
few hours, is to lay the crime to
tramps. Their own records would
show them that the tramp class is
more clear of capital crimes than al-
most any other, and yet the first in-
stinct is to go for it. The call goes
forth in city and village to round it
up, and country constables for fifty
miles around are warned to be on the
lookout.

"I am plodding along a country high-
way or taking a nap under a tree be-
side the road when the heavy hand of
the law is laid upon me. The constable
may have five or six men at his back,
all armed and all regarding me as a
most desperate character. I am bound
hand and foot. There is much rejoic-
ing. The constable feels that he will
be nominated for sheriff next time,
and those with him know they will be
regarded as heroes for some time to
come. I am told that I am a red
handed murderer and that if I so much
as raise a finger I shall have my brains
blown into the next county.

"The procession heads for the county
jail and makes a triumphal entry into
the town. Everybody turns out to see
and to ask questions. The constable
and his assistants are almost carried
around on the shoulders of the mob. A
boom sets in, and real estate jumps 25
per cent. It is hours before the excite-
ment abates. The telephone and the
telegraph spread the news all over the
country that the murderer has been ar-
rested, and the jailer wouldn't trade
pieces with the president of the United
States.

"Of course there is a mob of newspa-
per men, and of course I am pictured
and described as a villain and all that.
'Our reporter' may not even get in to
see me, but that makes no difference
with his writing two or three columns
about the affair and giving my per-
sonal description. People are let in to
gaze on a wild beast. Not a man has
the slightest doubt that I am guilty.

"If I have been captured for a mur-
der outside the county I am taken
away after three or four days. If it is
in the county I am kept in jail until
the examination comes off. In either
event I live like a fighting cock. The
officials all defer to me. I get extras
with my meals for being a murderer.
I get cigars for being a hero. Ministers
call to see me, and now and then a
bouquet comes in. I am informed by
the detectives and others that they
have got a straight case against me
and then advised to own up and throw
myself on the mercy of the court.
That's where the laugh comes in.

One of Two Things Sure to Happen.

"In the course of a week one of two
things is sure to happen. The officers
either get the right clew and I am set
at liberty or I am arraigned for exami-
nation. In the former case the sheriff
comes to my cell and calls out:

"Here, you miserable old tramp, get
out of this!"

"What for?"

"Because I say so. You are dis-
charged from custody. Why in the
devil didn't you say you weren't
guilty?"

"But I did."

"Don't lie to me! Get out of this
jail! A nice mess you have made of
it! People are calling me the biggest
ass in the state! Get a hump on your-
self!"

And two years ago in an... (This text is partially cut off in the original image)

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rested for assault and battery, and he
settled the case by handing me \$35.
"If I am arraigned I am given a law-
yer. It's dead easy for him to show
exactly where I was at the date, or,
rather, where I wasn't. On one occa-
sion I was at work in the hayfield six-
ty miles from the spot. On another I
was chopping wood for a farmer sev-
enty miles distant. I am set at liberty,
but grudgingly. The public had its
mind made up that I was guilty and
should be hanged, and it's a disap-
pointment to all.

"Let me tell you that the dilapidated
gentleman reasoned things out long
ago. He is no more a criminal by in-
stinct than any other man. He doesn't
want to lose his life or his liberty. He
is not greedy for gain. Not one tramp
in ten would quit the road if he got a
legacy of \$5,000. Give him sufficient
for today and the morrow may go
hang. He may hit back if you hit
him, but he has no cause to want to
murder any one. He may steal to as-
suage hunger, but not for profit. Now
and then you hear of some tramp rob-
bing a farmhouse. He is either drunk
or a fool. No pawnbroker will take
anything from him, because he is a
tramp. No person will buy any of his
plunder for fear of being compromised.
The tramp with sense in his head
knows this, and if a dozen farmhouses
were open to him there would be no
temptation.

"Suppose that a tramp stole \$25 in
cash from a house. If he struck a
town and went to buy a suit of clothes
he'd be suspected. If he went to a ho-
tel and wanted to become a guest he'd
be suspected. If he even bought a new
hat or a new pair of shoes it might be
made the grounds for his arrest. How
would it profit him, then, to take the
money?"

"I have worked for a farmer for six
weeks on a stretch and taken the road
with \$30 in my pocket. I have been
arrested a day later and had to send
for him to prove that I wasn't a thief.
If I had a ten dollar bill in my pocket
I might walk 200 miles and not find
anybody to change it for me. I once
found a twenty dollar bill on the
streets of a town. I carried that bill
with me for four months and then at
last gave a tin peddler \$2 premium to
change it. He felt sure that I had
stolen it, but decided to take chances.

Tramp Is Suspected.
"You see that a horse has been stolen
and a tramp is suspected. Bosh!
Where would he go with it? Whom
could he sell it to? You see that a
country store has been robbed. It was
tramps that did it. Bosh! What could
they do with their plunder? A post-
office is entered and the safe blown
open. Tramps some more. Bosh!
When you find a tramp that can blow
a safe you may look for cows with
wings. The door of that postoffice
might be left wide open every night in
the year and he would pass on.

"Three years ago in Connecticut a
farmer's barn was robbed of fifty
bushels of oats one night. His own
bags were used to sack them up. The
team used to draw them away was fol-
lowed for six miles. I was within ten
miles of the site of the robbery that
night, and next day I was arrested as
the robber. I was held in jail for a
week before being examined to allow
of the sheriff working up the case, but
when things finally came to a head
you ought to have heard the justice
score him. He was a man of sense,
he was, and he made the sheriff out a
born fool within ten minutes. If I
stole the oats I must have stolen a
team to draw them away. Who had
lost a team? It would have taken two
men to sack and load the oats. Where
was the other man?"

"Oh, yes, there are events in the life
of every dilapidated gentleman on the
road, and the moral lesson to be drawn
from most of them is in his favor. He
does less lying than any salesman,
less stealing than confidential clerks,
and, as for immorality, your millionaire
is convicted of it oftener than your
tramp."

M. QUAD.

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quest she made of the marketman
would show her to be a sophisticated
housewife. "Send me, please," she
said, "two French chops and 100 green
peas."—Judge.

Ready For Him.

"Good morning, sir," began the long
haired visitor with the roll of manu-
script. "I see you've got your win-
dow open. That's a sign that spring
is here. Now, I"—
"No," interrupted the editor, glaring
at him significantly; "it's a sign that
the spring poet is here."—Philadelphia
Press.

Curiosity Gratified.

"Why do you chew gum?"
"The young person addressed brought
her jaws together with an unwonted
snap."

"Mebbe it is because I like to have
some business of my own to attend to,"
she answered, resuming such attention
forthwith.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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